

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow.

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A one-piece lock for use with a slotted track system comprising:
 - (a) a body having a wider axis and a narrower axis;
 - (b) a finger-turnable handle; and
 - (c) a neck formed integrally with the body at one end and formed integrally with the handle at the other end;
 - (d) wherein one end of the neck extends from the body in a direction generally perpendicular to a plane containing the wider axis and the narrower axis of the body;
 - (e) wherein the neck is sized to extend through the slot of a slotted track;
 - (f) wherein the body is sized to fit loosely within the interior of the slotted track when the wider axis is parallel to the track and to fit within the interior of the slotted track with opposing ends of the body frictionally engaged with opposing side walls of the track when the narrower axis is parallel to the ~~track~~ and ~~track, which frictional engagement holds the lock in a substantially fixed longitudinal position along the track; and~~
 - (g) wherein the narrower axis of the body is no wider than the slot of the slotted track.
11. (previously presented) The lock of claim 10 wherein the handle is elongated and the neck is formed integrally with the handle at a point near one end of the handle.
12. (previously presented) The lock of claim 10 wherein the handle is elongated and parallel to the narrower axis of the body.
13. (previously presented) The lock of claim 10 wherein the handle is elongated and parallel to the wider axis of the body.

14. **(previously presented)** The lock of claim 10 wherein the body comprises two rounded edges at opposite corners of a generally box-shaped body, which edges are parallel to the neck.
15. **(previously presented)** The lock of claim 10 further comprising a collar integrally formed with and between the neck and the handle.
16. **(previously presented)** The lock of claim 10 wherein the body has two opposite sides not parallel to each other, which sides are generally parallel to the neck.
17. **(previously presented)** The lock of claim 10 wherein, measured along the intersection of the body and a plane passing through the neck, a first side of the body adjacent to the neck is wider than an opposing side of the body.
18. **(previously presented)** The lock of claim 17 wherein the body comprises two rounded edges at opposite corners of a generally box-shaped body, which edges are parallel to the neck.
19. **(previously presented)** The lock of claim 18 wherein the handle is elongated and the neck is formed integrally with the handle at a point near one end of the handle.
20. **(currently amended)** A track and lock system comprising:
 - (a) a track having a box-shaped cross-section with a slot on one side of the box; and
 - (b) a one-piece lock comprising:
 - (1) a body having a wider axis and a narrower axis;
 - (2) a finger-turnable handle; and
 - (3) a neck formed integrally with the body at one end and formed integrally with the handle at the other end;
 - (4) wherein one end of the neck extends from the body in a direction generally perpendicular to a plane containing the wider axis and the narrower axis of the body;
 - (5) wherein the neck is sized to extend through the slot;
 - (6) wherein the body is sized to fit loosely within the interior of the track when the wider axis is parallel to the track and to fit within the interior of

the track with opposing ends of the body frictionally engaged with opposing side walls of the track when the narrower axis is parallel to the ~~track; and~~ track, which frictional engagement holds the lock in a substantially fixed longitudinal position along the track; and

- (7) wherein the narrower axis of the body is no wider than the slot.
- 21. (currently amended) The system of claim 20 further comprising a string of ~~Christmas~~ lights, wherein [[the]] a wire of the light string is within the track and held in place by the frictionally engaged lock.
- 22. (previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the track is secured to a house.
- 23. (previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the handle is elongated and parallel to the narrower axis of the body.
- 24. (previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the handle is elongated and parallel to the wider axis of the body.
- 25. (previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the body has two opposite sides not parallel to each other, ~~which~~ sides are generally parallel to the neck.
- 26. (previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein, measured along the intersection of the body and a plane passing through the neck, a first side of the body adjacent to the neck is wider than an opposing side of the body.
- 27. (previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the body comprises two rounded edges at opposite corners of a generally box-shaped body, which edges are parallel to the neck.
- 28. (currently amended) The system of claim 27 further comprising a string of ~~Christmas~~ lights, wherein [[the]] a wire of the light string is within the track and held in place by the frictionally engaged lock.
- 29. (previously presented) The system of claim 28 wherein the track is secured to a house.
- 30. (new) The lock of claim 11 wherein:

- (a) the neck defines and surrounds a rotation axis of the lock, which axis is generally perpendicular to the plane containing the wider axis and the narrower axis of the body; and
- (b) the elongated handle is arranged substantially perpendicular to the rotation axis and extends across the axis.

31. **(new)** The system of claim 20 wherein:

- (a) the handle is elongated and the neck is formed integrally with the handle at a point near one end of the handle;
- (b) the neck defines and surrounds a rotation axis of the lock, which axis is generally perpendicular to the plane containing the wider axis and the narrower axis of the body; and
- (c) the elongated handle is arranged substantially perpendicular to the rotation axis and extends across the axis.

32. **(new)** The system of claim 21 wherein each light of the string and that portion of the wire to which it is attached are outside the track, so that the wire passes through the slot at a location between the frictionally engaged lock and the light.

33. **(new)** The system of claim 28 wherein each light of the string and that portion of the wire to which it is attached are outside the track, so that the wire passes through the slot at a location between the frictionally engaged lock and the light.